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SUBJECT: PM TWAGIRAMUNGU AND U/S TARNOFF DISCUSS AID, GOR
COMMITMENTS/RESPONSIBILITIES, AND CAMP SECURITY

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2. SUMMARY. IN A NOVEMBER 30 MEETING WITH U/S TARNOFF, RWANDAN PRIME MINISTER FAUSTIN TWAGIRAMUNGU SAID THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT NEEDED AID IN ORDER TO UPHOLD ITS COMMITMENTS TO RECONCILIATION, REFUGEE REPATRIATION, AND SECURITY INSIDE THE COUNTRY. U/S TARNOFF PRAISED THOSE COMMITMENTS, ADDING THAT THE GOR WOULD NEED TO GIVE GREAT ATTENTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS, COOPERATION WITH THE UN, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARUSHA ACCORD IN ORDER TO BUILD CREDIBILITY WITH THE INTERNATIONAL DONOR COMMUNITY. TWAGIRAMUNGU SAID THE GOR WELCOMED HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS, WOULD COOPERATE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL, AND WOULD

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NAME A POINT PERSON TO HEAD THE NEW HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION OF THE JUSTICE MINISTRY. TWAGIRAMUNGU STRESSED THAT THE REFUGEE RECEIVING STATES SHOULD ASSURE SECURITY IN THE CAMPS, WITH THE HELP OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, AND THAT THE FORMER RWANDAN ARMY SHOULD BE SEPARATED FROM THE REFUGEES. END SUMMARY

3. TWAGIRAMUNGU WAS IN WASHINGTON FOR WORLD BANK MEETINGS. ACCOMPANYING HIM IN THE MEETING WITH U/S TARNOFF WERE SPORTS/YOUTH MINISTER PATRICK MAZIMHAKA, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DIVISION DIRECTOR DIOGENE NDAZIGARUYE, AND RWANDAN CHARGE JOSEPH MUTABOBA. U/S TARNOFF WAS JOINED BY AMBASSADOR RAWSON; P STAFFER BASSETT AND RWANDA/BURUNDI DESKOFF AISTON ALSO ATTENDED.

TWAGIRAMUNGU ON AID NEEDS AND GOR COMMITMENTS

4. TWAGIRAMUNGU EXPRESSED DEEP GRATITUDE FOR U.S.
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ASSISTANCE, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF HUMANITARIAN RELIEF, BUT SAID THE NEW GOVERNMENT NEEDED MORE AID TO GET UP AND RUNNING. THE GOR WAS DISCUSSING A USD 50 MILLION EMERGENCY CREDIT WITH THE WORLD BANK, TO BE DISBURSED IN LATE JANUARY/EARLY FEBRUARY; HOWEVER, THE GOR NEEDED HELP IN PAYING OFF USD 9.5 MILLION IN ARREARS. TWAGIRAMUNGU EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE USG CONTRIBUTION OF USD 2.5 MILLION, BUT SAID THE WORLD BANK HAD ONLY RAISED A TOTAL OF USD 6 MILLION IN DONOR COMMITMENTS. TWAGIRAMUNGU ASKED FOR U.S. HELP AND PROMISED THAT THE GOR WOULD UPHOLD ITS COMMITMENTS.

5. TWAGIRAMUNGU ASSURED U/S TARNOFF THAT THE GOR MUST RESPECT THE ARUSHA ACCORD. HE SAID RETURN OF THE REFUGEES AND SECURITY WITHIN THE COUNTRY ARE TOP PRIORITIES. THE PRIME MINISTER COMPLAINED ABOUT "EUROPEAN LEADERS" WHO SEE THE GOR AS MONOETHNIC AND ARE PRESSING THE GOR TO BRING HUTUS INTO THE GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE THE RETURN OF HUTU REFUGEES. TWAGIRAMUNGU (HIMSELF A HUTU) REJECTED THIS PREMISE AND STRESSED THAT THE GOR IS MULTIETHNIC AND COMMITTED TO RECONCILIATION. HE SAID THE GOR NEEDS TO REESTABLISH LOCAL ADMINISTRATION AND BOLSTER THE POLICE AND JUDICIAL SYSTEMS. TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS, THE GOR NEEDS THE MEANS.

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U/S TARNOFF ON ARUSHA, HUMAN RIGHTS, UN COOPERATION

6. U/S TARNOFF STRESSED OUR DETERMINATION TO WORK WITH
THE GOR TO ADDRESS HUMANITARIAN NEEDS, RESTORE STABILITY,
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AND FACILITATE REFUGEE RETURN AND SAID WE WERE PREPARED TO
CONTINUE TO ASSIST THE GOR, INCLUDING ON THE ARREARS
ISSUE. HE STRESSED THAT, TO GENERATE INTERNATIONAL

SUPPORT FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE GOR AND TO ENCOURAGE REFUGEE
RETURN, THE GOR SHOULD:

- BE FAITHFUL AND DILIGENT IN APPLYING THE ARUSHA
ACCORD, WHICH PROVIDES FOR A POLITICAL OPENING;
- GIVE GREAT ATTENTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS, INCLUDING
APPOINTING A POINT PERSON ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES;
- COOPERATE FULLY WITH UNAMIR AND THE UN ON HUMAN RIGHTS
ISSUES.

7. TWAGIRAMUNGU INFORMED U/S TARNOFF THAT THE GOR HAD
CREATED A HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION WITHIN THE MINISTRY OF
JUSTICE AND WOULD SOON BE APPOINTING SOMEONE TO HEAD THE
DIVISION AND BE THE POINT PERSON ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES.
HE POINTED OUT THAT THE EU IS HELPING FUND DEPLOYMENT OF
147 HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS IN RWANDA; THE GOR WELCOMES
THESE MONITORS AS PROOF THAT IT HAS NOTHING TO HIDE. THE
PRIME MINISTER ADDED THAT THE GOR IS READY TO INTEGRATE
INNOCENT ELEMENTS OF THE FORMER RWANDAN ARMY (EX-FAR) INTO
THE RPA AND NOTED THAT THERE ARE ALREADY 2000 SOLDIERS
WAITING TO BE INTEGRATED.

8. U/S TARNOFF EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE GOR'S
WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL
ON RWANDA (ITR). TWAGIRAMUNGU ASSURED U/S TARNOFF THAT
THE GOR'S VOTE AGAINST THE TRIBUNAL RESOLUTION DID NOT
MEAN THE GOR WOULD NOT COOPERATE WITH THE ITR; IT WAS JUST
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THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD A "PROBLEM AT HOME" WITH THE
RESOLUTION (REFERRING, NO DOUBT, TO DOMESTIC OBJECTIONS TO
THE TRIBUNAL'S LACK OF A DEATH PENALTY). IN ANY EVENT, IN

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TWAGIRAMUNGU'S VIEW, THE REAL SOLUTION WAS NOT CAPITAL PUNISHMENT OR JAILING; IT WAS TO TEACH RWANDANS HOW TO BEHAVE AND TO FOCUS ON A PHILOSOPHY OF DEFENDING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE LAW. THE GOR IS TRYING TO USE THE MEDIA AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS, INCLUDING IN THE PRISONS, TO GET THIS MESSAGE ACROSS. HE STRESSED THAT THE GOR'S OWN DOMESTIC TRIBUNAL TO PROSECUTE THE GENOCIDE WILL BE PART OF THIS TEACHING PROCESS AND WILL NOT BE MOTIVATED BY REVENGE. U/S TARNOFF SAID HE WAS ENCOURAGED BY THIS RESPONSE AND THE GOR'S WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH THE UN AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

CAMP SECURITY

9. TWAGIRAMUNGU SAID THE REFUGEE CAMPS ARE OUTSIDE THE GOR'S CONTROL. HE STRESSED THREE POINTS:

- THE RECEIVING STATE MUST UPHOLD ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN SECURITY IN THE CAMPS;
- THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SHOULD ASSIST THE RECEIVING STATES IN THIS TASK; AND
- THE EX-FAR SHOULD BE SEPARATED FROM THE REGULAR REFUGEES AND THE FORMER GOVERNMENT LEADERS SHOULD BE "TOLD TO BEHAVE".

HE NOTED THE RECENT AGREEMENT WITH THE GOZ TO SET UP
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WELCOME CENTERS INSIDE RWANDA, TO REGISTER RETURNEES AND ASSIST THEM IN RETURNING TO THEIR HOMES IN SECURITY.

10. AMB. RAWSON NOTED THAT WE HAD CONVENED A DONORS/UN MEETING LAST WEEK AND DISCUSSED THE CAMP SECURITY ISSUE IN SOME DEPTH. HE ASSURED TWAGIRAMUNGU THAT WE ARE ACTIVELY EXPLORING THIS ISSUE TO SEE IF WE CAN HELP ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF INSECURITY AND INTIMIDATION. HE ADDED THAT THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS EQUATION IS CREATING A CLIMATE INSIDE RWANDA SO THAT THE REFUGEES CAN BE SUCCESSFULLY RECEIVED.

BANK FUNDS

11. THE PRIME MINISTER BRIEFLY MENTIONED AT THE END OF THE MEETING THAT THE GOR HAD HAD PROBLEMS WITH THE

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PREVIOUS AMBASSADOR (UWIMANA, FROM HABYARIMANA DAYS) AND WERE TRYING TO TRACK DOWN ASSETS; THEY HAD UNDERSTOOD THE GOR MAY HAVE ABOUT USD 900,000 IN A FEDERAL RESERVE ACCOUNT BUT WERE UNSURE OF ITS STATUS. U/S TARNOFF PROMISED THAT WE WOULD HELP THE GOR LOOK INTO THIS.

12. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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